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Dear Commissioner.

I have recently become aware of a voting on the Downed Animal Protection Act. I am a High School junior who has just read Upton Sinclair's <u>The Jungle</u>. We learned that downed animals are wounded animals that are processed for consumption even though bacteria may contaminate the meat. I was under the impression that the 1<sup>st</sup> Food and Drug Act of 1906 restricted the processing of downed animals, but it continues today. The reason of my letter is to persuade you to vote for the Downed Animal Protection Act Docket # 98P-0151/CP1 and help reduce the chances of contaminated meat getting on the market.

Thanks.

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